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Libertarians Say: Keep It Shut Down

WASHINGTON, DC -- Go ahead -- keep it shut down!

That was the blunt suggestion of the Libertarian Party as the shutdown of the federal government dragged into its second day.

"Shutting down the government is good medicine for America," said Steve Dasbach, Chairman of the Libertarian Party. "And it's a positive step towards smaller government.

"Why? Because this shutdown reminds Americans that Republican and Democratic politicians are frantically spending our nation into bankruptcy. Remember, the political fight that caused the shutdown is about raising the government's "debt ceiling," which already stands at \$4.89 trillion. Both President Bill Clinton and Speaker Newt Gingrich want to raise that limit.

"But politicians shouldn't be fighting to increase the national debt-- they should be fighting to reduce it. Perhaps a shutdown will get Americans to demand an end to deficit spending, once and for all," said Dasbach.

"Second, this shutdown reminds voters that most of what the federal government does is unnecessary. Even the politicians admit that taxpayers might not notice any loss in government services.

"Well, why are the politicians taking 40% of our income for so-called services we don't notice and won't miss? That's a question Libertarians have been asking for years. If American voters started asking the same question, it would be a positive step towards smaller government -- and fiscal sanity in Washington, DC," Dasbach said.

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